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SUBJECT: UNRWA RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NOV 23 CONSIDERED REPORT OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) ON ITEM 53: UN RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST (UNRWA), AND ADOPTED FIVE RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY SPC (USUN 5068, USUN 5029. VOTING WAS AS FOLLOWS: (A) ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINE REFUGEES, 115-0-2 (ISRAEL, PAPUA NEW GUNIEA), (B) ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS DISPLACED AFTER JUNE 1967, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, (C) WORKING GROUP ON FINANCING UNRWA, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, (D) POPULATION AND REFUGEES DISPLACED SINCE 1967, 118-02(ISRAEL, COSTA RICA)-2 (MALAWI, PAPUA NEW GUINEA), (E) PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE GAZA STRIP, 118-2(ISRAEL, UNCLASSIFIED

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COSTA RICA)-3(US, MALAWI, PAPUA NEW GUINEA).

2. ISRAELI PERMREP HERZOG, IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE BEFORE VOTE, SAID RESOLUTIONS D AND E WERE STRUCTURED ON INFORMATION THAT DISREGARDED TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS PERTAINING IN THE AREA AND RESOLUTION E DISREGARDED INTERESTS OF REFUGEES THEMSELVES. IN CONNECTION WITH RESOLUTION E, HERZOG SAID THAT GAZA REFUGEES HAVE ACQUIRED NEW HOUSES WITH IMPROVED LIVING STANDARDS, AND ASKED HOW UN COULD CALL ON THESE REFUGEES TO ABANDON NEW HOMES AND RETURN TO "SQUALID" CAMPS. HERZOG ALSO REFERRED TO LEBANESE PERMREP'S STATEMENT IN GENERAL DEBATE WHEN HE DESCRIBED REFUGEE CAMPS IN LEBANON AS FORTRESSES. THUS ISRAEL'S ACTIONS IN REGARD TO REFUGEE CAMPS WAS VINDICATED. HERZOG CLOSED WITH NOTATION OF ONESIDENESS OF UNRWA RESOLUTIONS WHICH FAIL TO MENTION 800,000 JEWISH REFUGEES, AND PERPETUATION OF PALESTINIANS IN REFUGEE STATUS WHEN ARAB WORLD WITH OIL WEALTH COULD READILY SOLVE WHOLE PROBLEM. HE CONCLUDED ON DRAMATIC NOTE BY HOLDING HIGH TWO LARE PHOTOS OF GAZA; ONE DISPLAYING NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND THE OTHER OF GAZA CAMP-- TO UNDERSCORE POINTLESSNESS OF RESOLUTION E AND TO REINFORCE HIS PLEA FOR DELS TO RECONSIDER THEIR SPC VOTES ON THIS RESOLUTION BEFORE PLENARY TALLY.

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